

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are now presented for examination. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

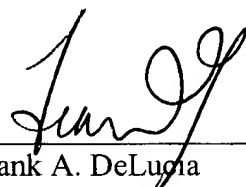
Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 726 591 A1 (Suzuki et al.) The cancellation of Claim 14 makes this rejection moot.

The Examiner's Office Action dated October 13, 2004 indicated Claims 1-13 as allowed. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of those claims.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are requested.

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